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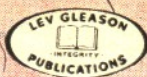
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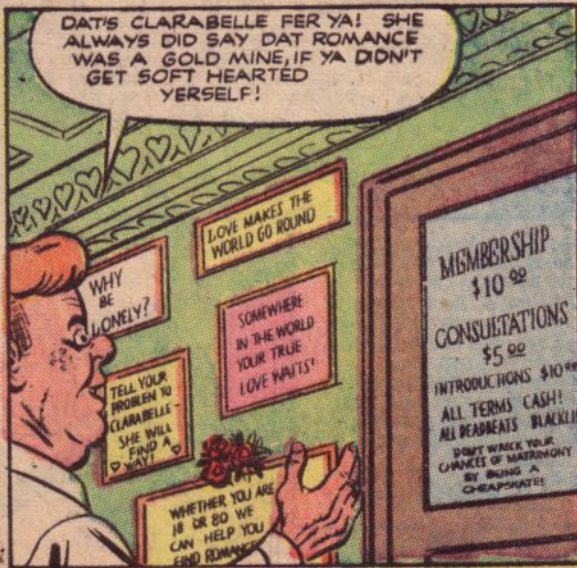
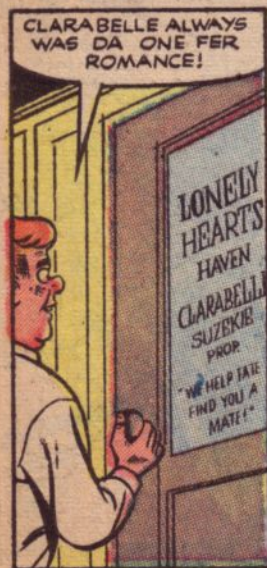
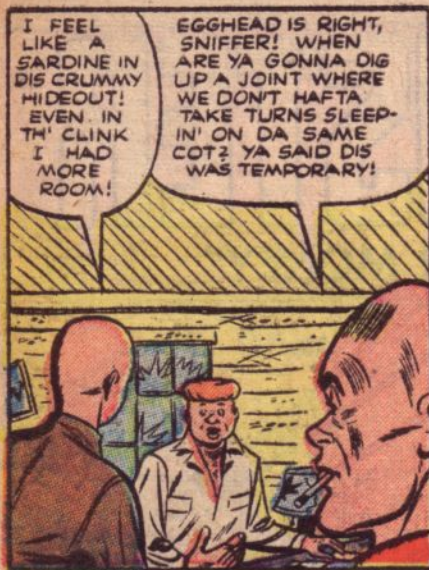
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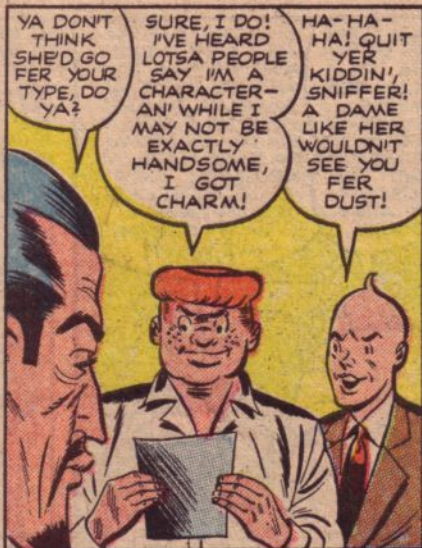
IN "SNIFFER'S LOVE OR MONEY"



HONEY BEARS OF THE HUMAN RACE IS ONE WAY TO DESCRIBE SNIFFER AND THE DEADLY DOZEN! WE MAY NOT APPROVE OF THEIR METHODS OF DOING THINGS, BUT WE ENJOY WATCHING THEIR ANTICS ANYWAY! IRON JAW NEITHER APPROVES NOR LIKES SNIFFER AND HIS DEADLY DOZEN, FOR THE OBVIOUS REASON, THAT SNIFFER HAD REPEATEDLY MADE A CHUMP OUT OF HIM! FOR ALL HIS VICIOUSNESS, IRON JAW HAS ONE BIG FAILING; HE CAN'T RESIST BEING SNIFFER BAIT! CAN SNIFFER MAKE A SUCKER OUT OF HIM ONCE AGAIN?

Charles Bio





YOU POOR, DEAR, CHILD! BUT CHEER UP! FROM NOW ON, LIFE WILL BE DIFFERENT! I'M SURE "GEORGE" IS DA TRUE MATE FOR YOU! SHALL I ARRANGE A MEETING!

YES, YES-CH, YES! BUT I'D

BE SCARED TO DEATH TO MEET HIM ALONE! I'D BE SO SELF-CONSCIOUS! OH, IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY WE COULD MEET WHERE THERE WERE OTHER PEOPLE AROUND!

DIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE! I CAN TURN DIS INTO A REAL FULL SCALE OPERATION...

I THINK I GOT DA SOLUTION! SUPPOSIN' YOU WERE TO HAVE A PARTY AT YOUR HOUSE, AND YOU WERE TO MEET HIM ALONG WIT DA OTHER GUESTS?

OH, HOW WONDERFUL- BUT WHO WOULD I INVITE, AND HOW COULD I GET A STAFF OF SERVANTS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE!

LEAVE IT TO ME! YOU FOOT THE BILLS AN' I'LL HIRE DA SERVANTS, INVITE GUESTS AN' FIX UP EVERYTHING- EATS AN' ALL!

ARE YA LOONEY, SNIFFER? WHERE WILL YOU GET ALL THAT HELP!

LISTEN, AN' YOU'LL FIND OUT! SATAN, LADY KILLER, EGG-HEAD, CRUSHER, AN' GIANT KILLER, AN', OF COURSE, MESELF! DA REST OF YA LUGS WILL BE BUTLER AN' CHEFS!

HOW COME WE GOTTA BE DA FLUNKIES, WHILE YOU GUYS GETS TO MINGLE WIT DA GUESTS? IT AIN'T FAIR!

SHUDDUP AN' DO AS I SAY! THERE AIN'T NO TIME TO ARGUE! I GOTTA INVITE DA DAMES! HELP ME PICK OUT SIX DAMES FROM DA FILES HERE, CRUSHER! SKIP DA GOOD LOOKS! IT'S DA ONES WITH DOUGH WE WANT!

SO DESE ARE DA SIX WEALTHIEST, HUH? UGGH! NO WONDER LOVE HAS PASSED DEM BY! STILL DIS IS WHERE DA PROFITS LIE, SO I'LL CALL 'EM UP!

EXCUSE ME FOR HAVIN' COM- PLAINED ABOUT BEIN' A BUTLER! I'D RATHER BE DAT THAN HAVE TO MINGLE WITH DEM BABIES!

I'LL GO AHEAD WIT DA BOYS AN' HELP GET, DA PLACE SET UP FER DA PARTY! YOU GUYS SHOW UP AS GUESTS PROMPTLY AT SEVEN! AN' WATCH YER MANNERS! NO EATIN' WITH YER KNIVES AN' STUFF!

WATTA JOINT! GET A LOAD OF DA FANCY STONE LIONS ON THE PORCH, SNIFFER!

YEAH- IT'S REAL CLASSY!

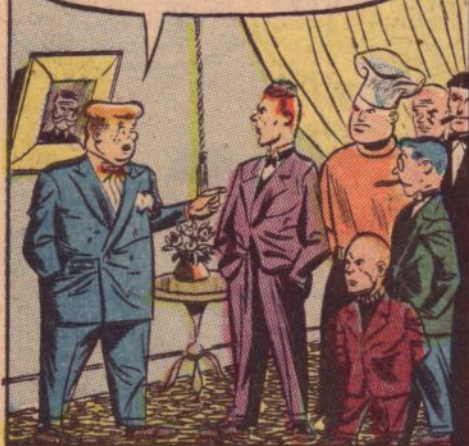
YOU MUGS GO AROUND TO DA SERVANTS' ENTRANCE!

GREETINGS, MISS HIGHBORN! I AM CLARABELLE SUZUKIE'S ASSIST- ANT! AN' DESE ARE SERVANTS TO RUN YER PARTY!

OH- HOW WONDER- FUL! WELCOME! WELCOME! COME RIGHT IN!



NOW, LISSIN' YA MUGS, NO SWIPIN' NOTHIN' UNTIL I GIVES YA DA HIGH SIGN! NOW GET BUSY FIXIN' UP DA BUFFET SUPPER, WHILE I GO TALK OVER THINGS WITH HETTY!



DA GUEST WILL BE HERE IN A HALF HOUR! IT WILL BE DA SOCIAL EVENT OF DA SEASON! AN' YOU WILL BE DA MOST BEAUTIFUL AN' RAVISHING CREATURE OF ALL!



OH - YOU SAY THE MOST FLATTERING THINGS! I FEEL JUST LIKE A GIRL AT HER FIRST PARTY!

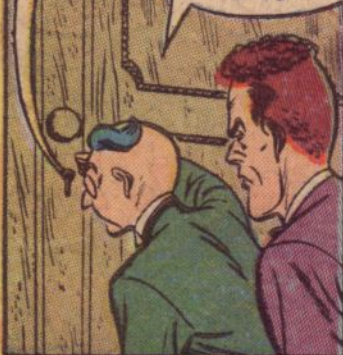
DO TELL ME - SHOULD I WEAR ALL MY JEWELS TO IMPRESS GEORGE?

:GULP!: NO! NO! I THINK YA BETTER KEEP DEM LOCKED UP! THEN YOU WILL KNOW DAT HE LOVES YOU FER YOURSELF ALONE - AN' NOT BECAUSE OF YER WEALTH!



OH, YOU ARE SO CLEVER TO THINK OF THAT! IT'S SO RIGHT!

SHE'S LOCKIN' DEM UP IN DA SAFE! WHAT'S DA MATTER WIT SNIFFER? HAS HE GONE SOFT IN DA HEAD? HE'S GONNA HAVE SOME EXPLAININ' TO DO!



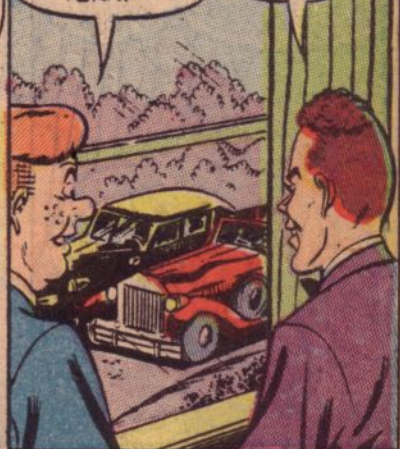
WHAT'S DA BIG IDEA 'OF TELLIN' DAT BABE HETTY TO LOCK UP HER JEWELS? DON'T CHA TRUST US?

SURE - SURE, I DO! BUT MAYBE ONE OF DA OLD BATS I INVITED TO DA PARTY MIGHT BE LARCENY MINDED! DIS WAY NOBODY CAN SWIPE 'EM BEFORE WE DO!



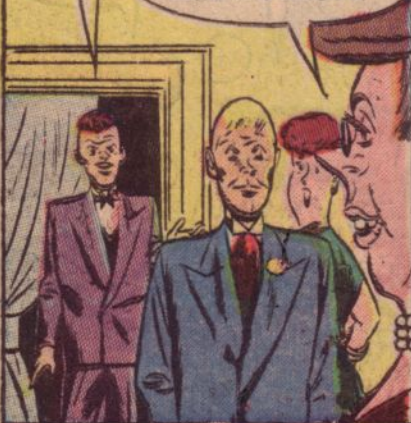
HERE COME DA GUESTS! GIT OUT FRONT AN' ANNOUNCE DEM, TURK!

GET A LOAD OF THEM FANCY CRATES!



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, DA DUKE OF CANARSIE.

OHH - OHH - WHAT A THRILLING PARTY! SUCH DISTINGUISHED GUESTS! IMAGINE A REAL DUKE! TEE - HEE! MAYBE I COULD BE - COME A DUCHESS!



AN' NOW THAT YOU TWO LOVE BIRDS HAVE MET, I'LL LEAVE YA TOGETHER, SO YA CAN GET A CHANCE TO BE BETTER ACQUAINTED!

YEAH - YEAH - THANKS! :GULP!:



REALLY, COUNT CASINO, THE MINUTE I SAW YOU, I KNEW FATE MEANT FOR US TO MEET! TEE - HEE! I JUST ADORE WORLDLY MEN LIKE YOU!

YOU'RE JUST MY TYPE, HONEY BOY! LET'S GO OUT IN THE GARDEN! IT'S SO ROMANTIC!





SILLY BOY—NO, THE TRUTH IS THAT I HAVE SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS, BUT I WAS AFRAID SOME FORTUNE HUNTER WOULD FIND OUT AND MARRY ME FOR MY MONEY! BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE PROPOSED, I KNOW YOU LOVE ME FOR MYSELF ALONE, AND NOT MY BILLIONS!

YOU DEAR SWEET GIRL! WHAT'S MONEY!

BILLIONS!!!

PSST—
SNIFFER!
TROUBLE!

AMSCRAY, OPEDAY! SHALL WE ANNOUNCE OUR ENGAGEMENT TONIGHT BEFORE THE PARTY IS OVER?

YEAH! DAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO! I TELL YA, HONEY—YOU GO BACK AN' SEE HOW YER GUESTS ARE MAKIN' OUT, WHILE I SEE IF DA HELP IS RUNNIN' YER PARTY OKAY!

THEY'RE HEISTING EVERYTHING IN SIGHT...

HELP!
I'VE BEEN
ROBBED!

OH-OH!
TOO
LATE!

PLEASE LADIES—
BE CALM—WHAT
SEEMS TO BE
TH' TROUBLE?

WE'VE
BEEN
ROBBED!

MY
NECKLACE!

MY
BROOCH!

MY
BRACELETS!

OH, THIS IS TERRIBLE!
WHAT ABOUT MY JEWELS
IN THE SAFE! I'D BETTER
GO SEE!

THEY'RE GONE!
ALL OF THEM!
OHH... I'LL CALL
THE POLICE!
BUT, OH, DEAR—
I DREAD ALL
THE HORRIBLE
PUBLICITY!

LET ME
HANDLE
THIS,
HETTY!
I'LL
FIND
DA
CULPRIT!

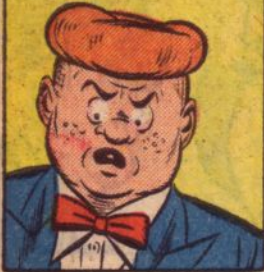
HERE COMES TURK WIT A LIMOUSINE
FER DA GETAWAY CAR! GRAB DA
STUFF AN' LET'S SCRAM! IT'S SNIFF-
ER'S TOUGH LUCK IF HE STICKS
AROUND!

HOLD ON, YOU
LUGS!

YA LAME BRAINED
DOPES! DA MINUTE
I TURN MY BACK
YA MESS THINGS
UP! DIS STUFF IS
CHICKEN FEED COM-
PARED TO DA
ANGLE I'M WORK-
ING!

YER CRAZY!
DAT'S JUST
BECAUSE YA
GOT A CRUSH
ON HETTY!
SHE'S ONLY
WORTH FIFTY
GRAND! DIS
STUFF IS WORTH
TWO TIMES
DAT!

IT JUST SO HAPPENS DAT HETTY IS WORTH MILLIONS, AN' SHE HAS ACCEPTED ME AS HER FUTURE HUSBAND! WE'D BE ON EASY STREET IF YA HADN'T PULLED DIS STUPID TRICK! NOW I GOTTA CLEAR UP DIS MESS BEFORE SOMEBODY CALLS DA COPS!



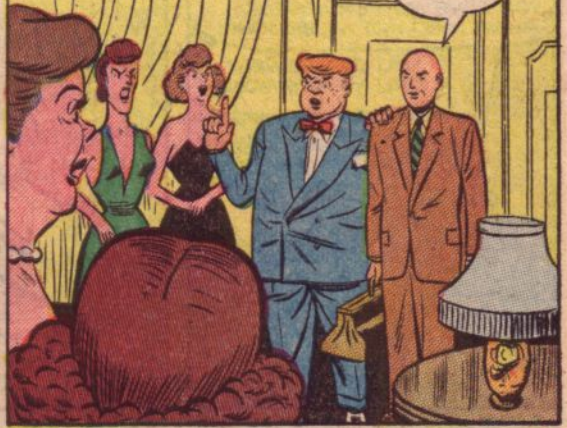
EGGHEAD - YOU'RE GONNA HAFTA TAKE DA RAP FER DIS! I'M GONNA DRAG YOU IN, AN' YER GONNA CONFESS TO DA GUESTS DAT YOU WERE DA CROOK! AFTER YA CONFESS I'LL TURN YA OVER TA TURK AND OWL, AN' THEY'LL PRETEND TA TAKE YA TO THE CLUB!

YEAH - OKAY - ONLY DON'T LET ANY OF THEM AMAZONS GET HOLD OF ME!



HERE'S YER CROOK! DAPPER DAN, DA SLICKEST JEWEL THIEF IN DA COUNTRY! I CAUGHT HIM RED-HANDED! EMPTY YER POCKETS, DAPPER DAN!

OKAY - OKAY -



MY NECKLACE!

MY BROOCH!

MY HERO!

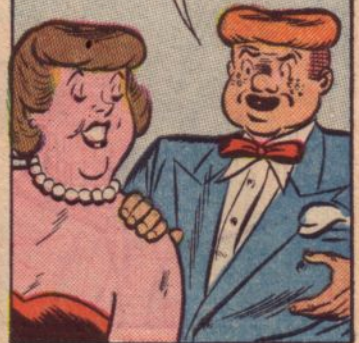


TURN HIM OVER TO THE POLICE! TELL THEM I'LL PREFER THE CHARGES LATER!

OH - YOU WONDERFUL MAN! YOU'RE SO BRAVE AND STRONG!



AN' NOW, FOLKS, I GOT AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE! TONIGHT HETTY AND I BECAME ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED - MAKIN' ME DA HAPPIEST MAN IN DA WORLD!



CONGRATULATIONS! OH, HOW WONDERFUL! SIGH: HOW I WISH I WERE THE LUCKY GIRL!

OH, LET ME GET A PICTURE OF THE HAPPY COUPLE! MY DEAREST FRIEND, ISABELLE, IS SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE DAILY CLARION! THIS WILL BE SUCH A BIG SCOOP FOR HER!



DO GIVE US ALL THE DETAILS, HETTY, DEAR!



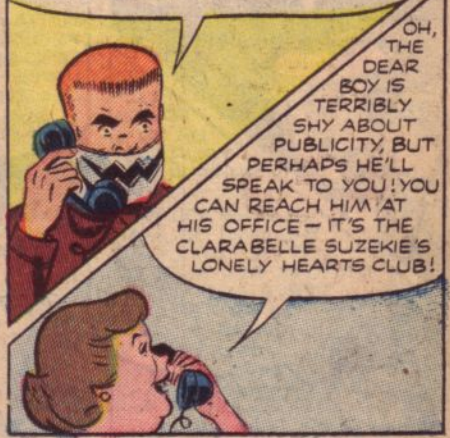
BAH! INSTEAD OF WALKING THE STREETS IN THE WIND AND RAIN, I'D BE SNUG AND SAFE IF IT WEREN'T FOR THAT HALF-BRAINED SNIFFER!



SPEAK OF THE DEVIL! SO THAT'S WHAT HE'S UP TO! HA-HA-HA! I MUST GO UP AND PAY MY RESPECTS TO THE WORM!

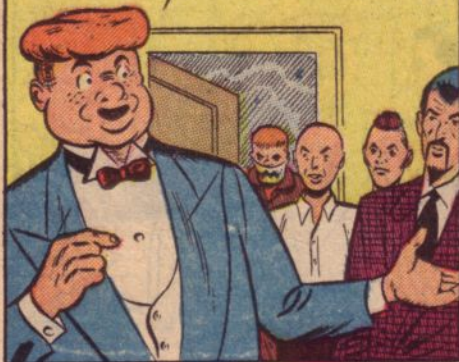


GOOD EVENING, I'M HEAD SOCIETY EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY BUGLE! I'M ANXIOUS TO WRITE AN ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR WEDDING AND NEED SOME DETAILS FROM THE GROOM—WHERE CAN I REACH HIM?



OH, THE DEAR BOY IS TERRIBLY SHY ABOUT PUBLICITY, BUT PERHAPS HE'LL SPEAK TO YOU! YOU CAN REACH HIM AT HIS OFFICE—IT'S THE CLARABELLE SUZUKI'S LONELY HEARTS CLUB!

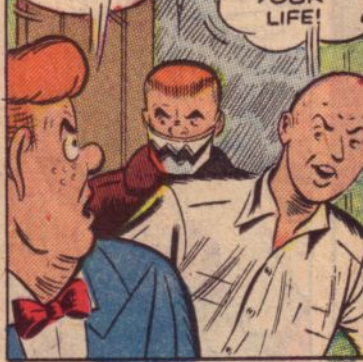
AIN'T I CLASSY LOOKIN' IN DIS? WAIT TILL HETTY SEES ME WAITIN' AT DA ALTAR!



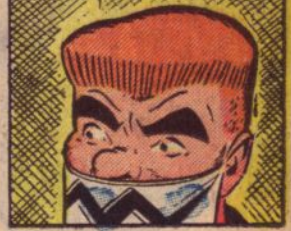
MY FEELINGS ARE HURT, SNIFFER! YOU DIDN'T SEND ME AN INVITATION TO YOUR WEDDING!

IRON JAW!

IRON JAW! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!



RELAX! THIS IS A FRIENDLY VISIT! I'VE DECIDED THE WEDDING WOULD BE TO MY ADVANTAGE AS WELL AS YOURS! I'LL PROMISE NOT TO REVEAL YOUR CRIMINAL RECORD TO YOUR FAIR BRIDE AS LONG AS YOU SHARE YOUR BRIDE'S FORTUNE WITH ME!



IT'S A DEAL, IRON JAW! AN' JUST TO PROVE YOU CAN TRUST ME, I'LL GIVE YA A CHECK FER FIFTY GRAND RIGHT NOW! HETTY AN' ME HAVE A JOINT ACCOUNT, YA KNOW!

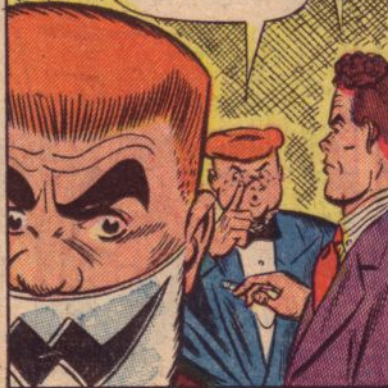
IF THIS CHECK BOUNCES, SNIFFER, SO WILL YOU—FROM THE TOP OF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING!



I'LL BE BACK FOR MORE AFTER TH' WEDDING!

I'M ASHAMED OF YA, SNIFFER! IRON JAW IS WORSE THAN EVEN A MURDERER!

SHHH... LEMME EXPLAIN!



IF YA THINK THAT CHECK'S ANY GOOD, YER CRAZY! I AIN'T NEVER BEEN A STU'L PIGEON, BUT IRON JAW AIN'T JUST A CROOK! HE'S...HE'S UNAMERICAN! IT'S MY DUTY TO TIP OFF THE COPS WHERE TO PICK UP DAT MENACE!



IT'S ON DA LEVEL, C.B.! IRON JAW WILL BE BREEZIN' INTO DA FOIST NATIONAL TO CASH DAT PHONY CHECK ANY MINUTE!



I'LL FOLLOW UP ON YOUR TIP, SNIFFER, BUT DON'T THINK THIS CLEARS YOU WITH THE LAW! YOU AND YOUR PALS STILL HAVE THAT JAIL SENTENCE TO SERVE, AND YOU'D BE BETTER OFF GIVING YOURSELF UP!

I'D LIKE TO OBLIGE, C.B., BUT GIVIN' MESELF UP TO DA COPS AN HOUR BEFORE ME WEDDIN' WOULD BE UNCHIVALROUS! I GOTTA PUT HETTY'S FEELINGS FOIST! LET'S GET ON OUR WAY! HERE COMES DA GROOM! DUM-DUM-DUM...



THIS CHECK IS NO GOOD, SIR!

WHAT?

YOUR JIGG'S UP, IRON JAW! SNIFFER OUT-SMARTED YOU AGAIN!



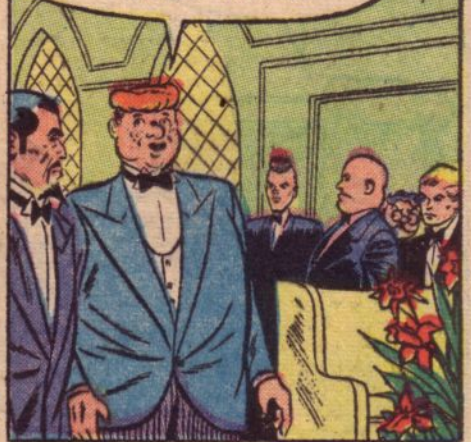
CURSES ON YOU ALL!

I'LL FIX THAT DIRTY DOUBLE-CROSSER! C.B., IF YOU WANT TO CATCH SNIFFER AND HIS GANG, YOU'LL FIND THEM AT THE LITTLE CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER! SNIFFER'S MARRYING HETTY HIGH-BORN AT NOON!

NOON! IT'S NEARLY NOON NOW!



AHH, LISTEN - "HERE COMES DA BRIDE" - DUM-DUM-DUM - IN JUST A COUPLA MINUTES, I'LL BE HOLDIN' HER DAINTY LITTLE HANDS!



AHH... HETTY DARLIN'... I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER... HEY! CRIMEBUSTER! YOU CAN'T DO THIS!

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, SNIFFER! COME QUIETLY - THE PATROL WAGON IS WAITING OUTSIDE!



OH, MY DEAR SWEET SNIFFER! NO MATTER WHAT YOU'VE DONE, I'LL WAIT FOR YOU! :SOB!: :SOB!: I'LL BAKE YOU CAKES EVERY DAY! LOVE WILL FIND A WAY! :BOO - HOO:!



WHAT A WAY FER MY ROMANCE TO END! DERE AIN'T NO JUSTICE!



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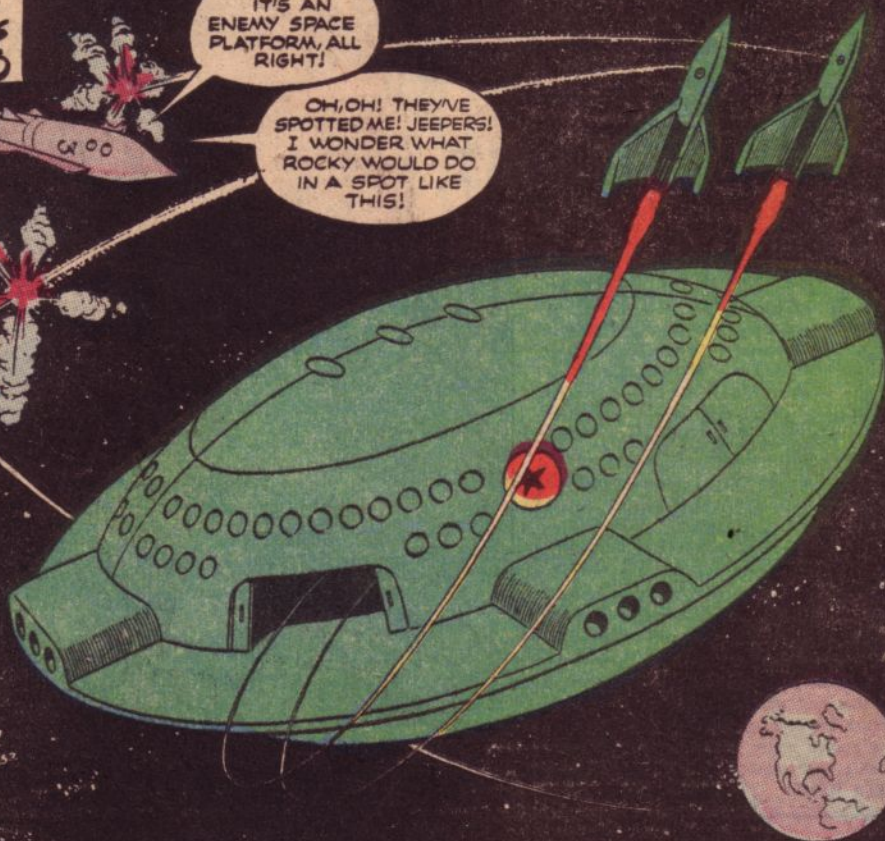
OF THE ROCKETEERS
IN "COURAGE IN A SEA OF FEAR"

STORY BY
**CHARLES
BIRO**

IT'S AN
ENEMY SPACE
PLATFORM, ALL
RIGHT!

OH, OH! THEY'VE
SPOTTED ME! JEEPERG!
I WONDER WHAT
ROCKY WOULD DO
IN A SPOT LIKE
THIS!

ART BY
**HERMAN
MAURER**
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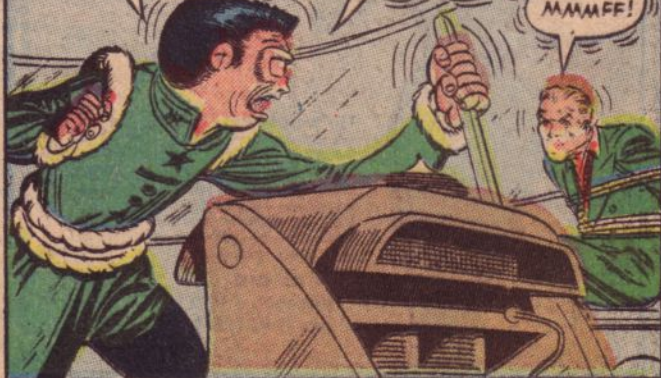


TO ROCKY X AND HIS ROCKETEERS THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF THE MEN ON PLUTO WAS SHOCKINGLY STRANGE, BUT THEIR CHARACTER FAILINGS WERE NOT UNLIKE THE EARTHMEN! OTHER THAN THAT, THEIR CAPACITY FOR LOVE AND GREED WERE ENORMOUSLY MORE INTENSE! TO EARN THE HATE OF A PLUTONIAN WAS TO INVITE CERTAIN DEATH! THIS ROCKY AND HIS MEN DID WITHOUT TRYING! CAN THE ROCKETEERS WITHSTAND THE SHOCK OF A PLUTONIAN'S BITTER ASSAULT?

SO YOUR FRIENDS, THE
ROCKETEERS, ARE COMING
TO RESCUE YOU, EH?
HA! HA! HA!

WELL, ME AND MY DISINTEGRATOR
RAY GUN WILL GREET THEM
PERSONALLY! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!

MAAFFF!



IN THE MEANTIME...



I think we've been dopes, Simpy! We were moving in blindly, because we were afraid Kylan would kill Dr. Liebert! If he wanted to kill him, why would he bring him here! He could have killed him at the same time when he murdered Doran! He's up to something!



I think he's holding Dr. Liebert as a bait to trap us! We've got to get him first, and I think I know the way—with this compressed water tank! Stay here and stall him, if he gets restless!

Okay, Rocky!

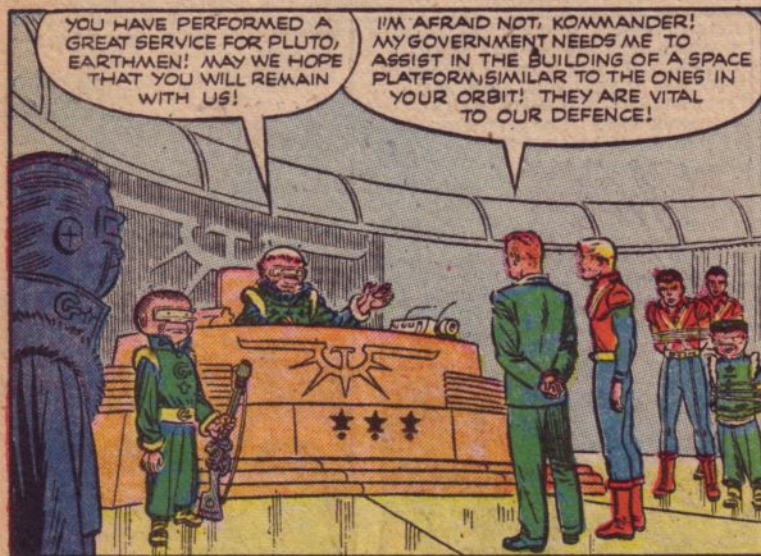


ROCKETEERS! KYLAN TALKING! I MAKE YOU AN OFFER! YOUR LIVES, AND THE SAFETY OF YOUR FRIEND, IF YOU WILL GIVE ME THE ATOMIC SECRETS AND LEAVE THIS PLANET! REFUSE AND YOU DIE!



SPEAK UP QUICKLY! IF YOU DO NOT ANSWER ME AT ONCE, IT WILL BE TOO LATE FOR YOUR FRIEND!





YOU MEAN THE DEATH PENALTY IS STILL CARRIED OUT ON EARTH? WE ABOLISHED IT LONG AGO, AND FOUND A DEFINITE DECREASE IN THE RATE OF CRIME! THE DE-ENERGIZING PROCESS PUTS THE BODY IN A PARALYTIC STATE FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD OF TIME—DEPENDING ON THE CRIME!

ITS GREATEST VALUE IS THAT THE DE-ENERGIZED PERSON CAN THINK NORMALLY AND HAS MUCH TIME TO REGRET HIS CRIME!

WE COULD NOT GIVE YOU ONE OF OUR CRAFT FOR YOUR RETURN TRIP, BUT I WILL ORDER YOUR ROCKET TOWED TO A POINT WHERE YOU CAN CONTINUE UNDER YOUR OWN POWER!

THAT'S VERY KIND OF YOU! WE WILL BLAST OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

LISTEN, ROCKY, IN CASE EITHER OF US GETS INTO TROUBLE, WE OUGHT TO HAVE SOME MEANS OF COMMUNICATION WITH EACH OTHER! HOW ABOUT RADAR?

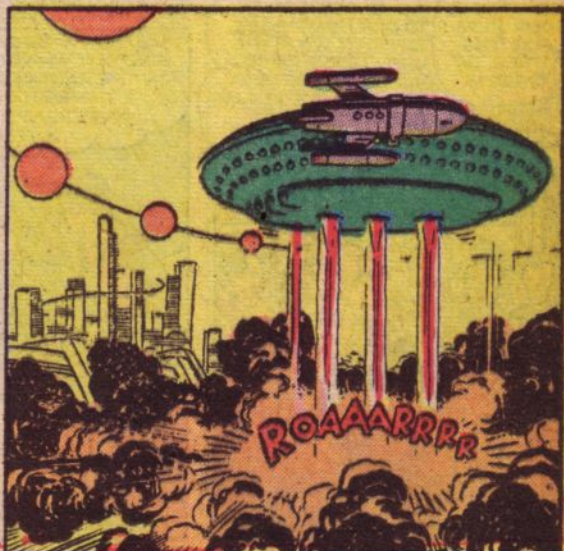
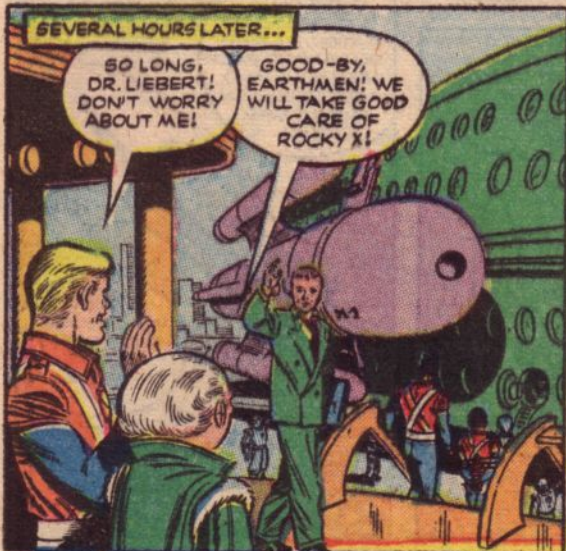
SURE! WE CAN SEND OUT RADAR IMPULSES IN MORSE CODE! GOOD IDEA, SIMPY!



SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

SO LONG, DR. LIEBERT! DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

GOOD-BY, EARTHMEN! WE WILL TAKE GOOD CARE OF ROCKY X!



WITHIN 100,000 MILES OF EARTH, THE ROCKET WAS RELEASED TO PROCEED UNDER ITS OWN POWER...

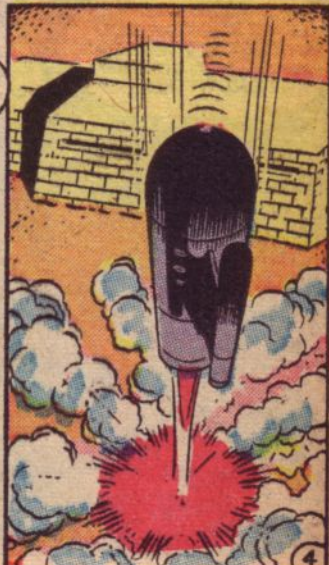
HAVE YOU PICKED UP EARTH ON THE RADARSCOPE, SIMPY?

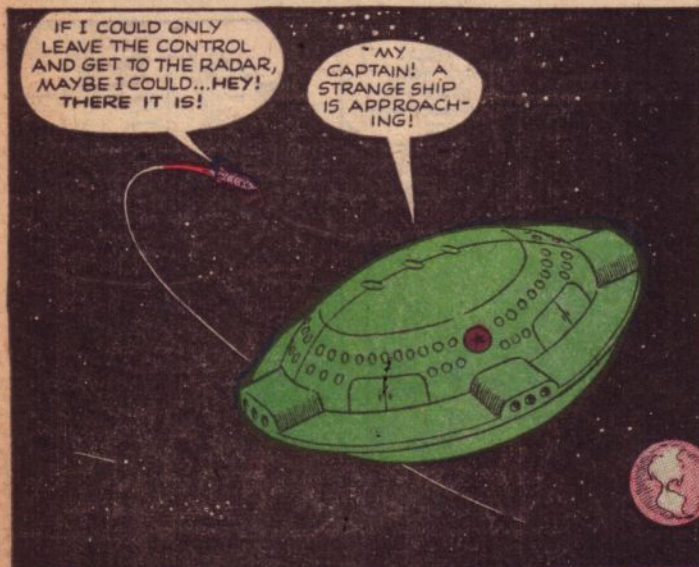
YES, DR. LIEBERT! I'VE PICKED UP SOMETHING ELSE, TOO! IT SEEMS TO BE ABOUT A THOUSAND MILES FROM EARTH!

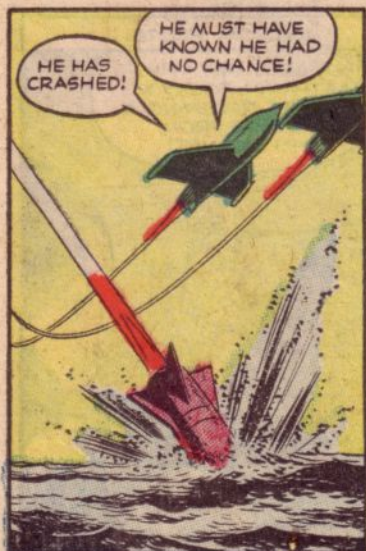
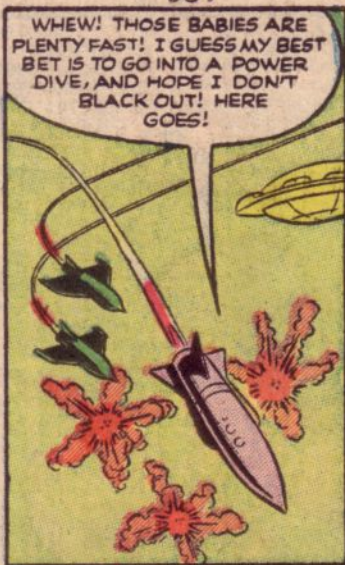
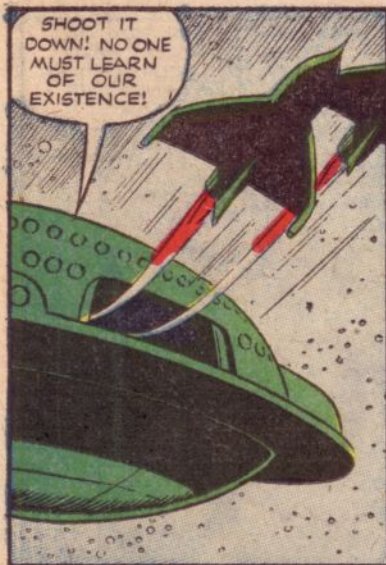


ARE WE GOING TO INVESTIGATE?

NO! OUR ORDERS ARE TO LAND IMMEDIATELY! RADAR CAN FOOL YOU, SIMPY! THAT'S PROBABLY SOME SORT OF ATMOSPHERE DISTURBANCE!







MEANWHILE, WE SEE ARNOLD AT THE BASE GUARDHOUSE...



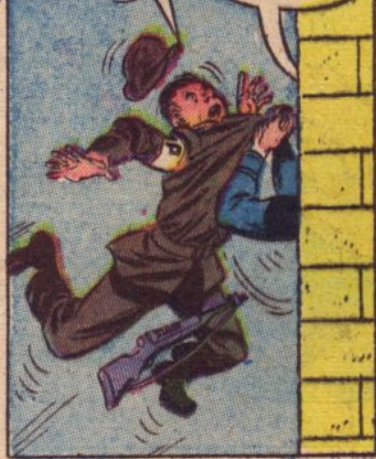
IT'S A PICTURE OF ONE OF THOSE PLUTONIAN DAMES! I HAVEN'T SHOWN IT TO ANYONE ELSE, BUT YOU LOOK LIKE A RIGHT GUY!

GEE, I DUNNO! I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK TO THE PRISONERS...WELL, MAYBE IT'LL BE OKAY!



HEY! WHAT'RE YOU... AAAGGHH!

SORRY, KID, BUT I NEED YOUR CLOTHES, AND YOUR KEYS!



HAVE A GOOD SLEEP, KID! THINGS ARE GONNA BE PRETTY HOT FOR YOU!



AND IN THE CONTROL TOWER...

ROCKY WILL LISTEN TO ME! EVERYBODY ELSE SEEMS TO THINK I'VE GOT SPACEFEVER, OR SOMETHING! JEOPERS! I HOPE THE RADAR-COMMUNICATION WORKS AT THIS DISTANCE!



S-I-M-P-S-O-N
C-A-L-L-I-N-G
R-O-C-K-Y-X
C-O-M-E I-N
P-L-U-T-O
C-O-M-E I-N,
R-O-C-K-Y X
O-V-E-R!

AND ON PLUTO...

GUARD! GET THE EARTHMAN, ROCKY X! WE ARE RECEIVING A MESSAGE FROM HIS PLANET!



...POSITIVE SPACE STATION FROM ENEMY COUNTRY! LOCATION-51° NORTH, 54° EAST, ALTITUDE 1000 MILES! CAN YOU HELP?

WE WILL TAKE YOU, ROCKY X! I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SPACE STATION MYSELF!

SWELL! CUT IN AND TELL HIM WE'LL MEET HIM AT FIFTY NORTH AND SIXTY EAST AT 0400 TOMORROW!



04:00! GEE, THAT'S PERFECT! I'LL GIVE ME TIME TO SET THE CONTROLS IN HERE FOR MY TAKE OFF, AND EVEN TAKE A LITTLE NAP!

IT'S PERFECT FOR ME TOO, SIMPLY! I'LL GET AN ESCAPE SHIP AND A CHANCE TO PAY YOU AND ROCKY BACK A FEW THINGS I OWE YOU! YOU'LL NEVER SEE THIS EARTH AGAIN!



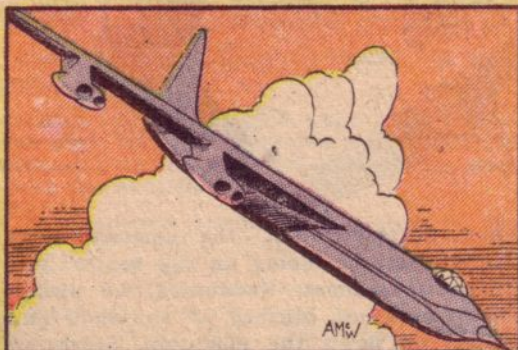
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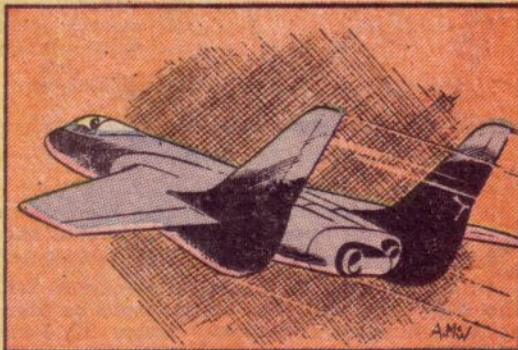
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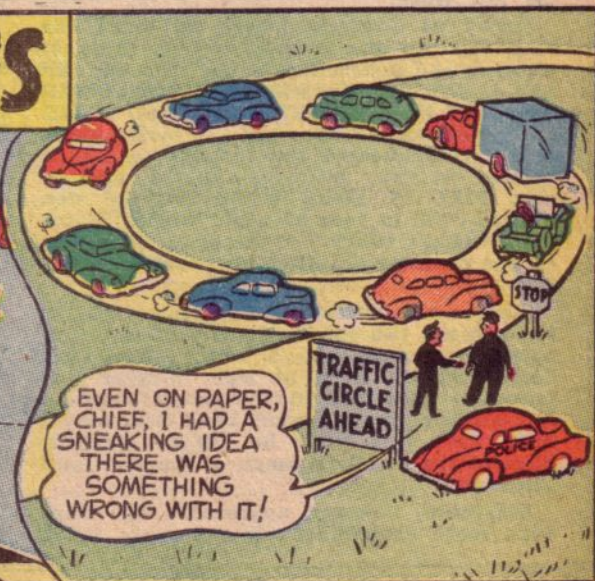
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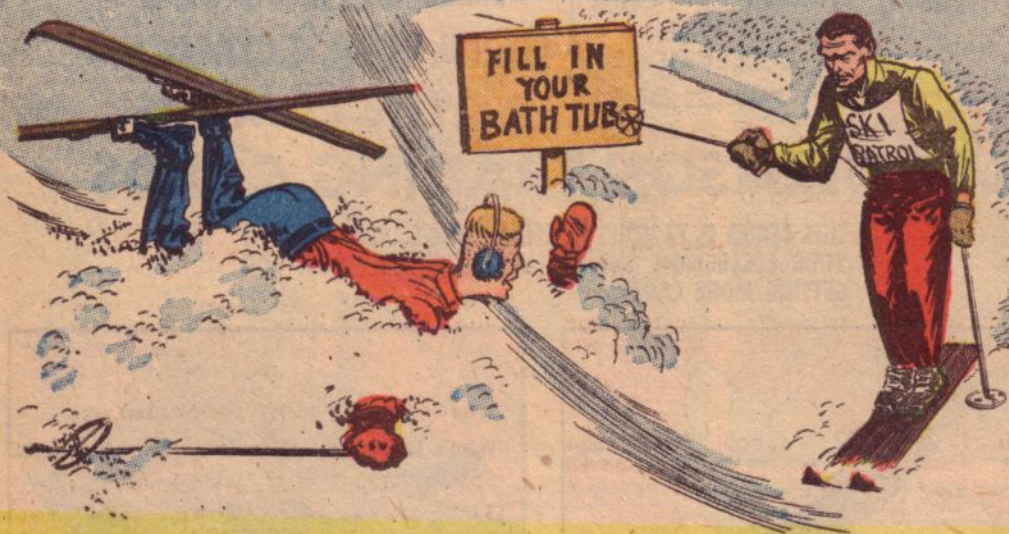


JUST A TRIM,
PLEASE—I'M
IN A
HURRY!



EVEN ON PAPER,
CHIEF, I HAD A
SNEAKING IDEA
THERE WAS
SOMETHING
WRONG WITH IT!

'Scarecrow Believes In Signs'



Scarecrow sat dreamily on the chair of the ski lift as it carried him up above timberline. This was a wonderful week-end for the Wise Guys and they never would be here at the famous Timberstop Lodge if Jock hadn't been manager of the ski team and the other Wise Guys had decided to come along with him to the slopes of Mt. Wood. It was a long way from home but since they'd never been to the northwest before it was quite an experience. Scarecrow wished he could ski a little better but no one could say he didn't try. He hoped by the time this week-end was over he really might have made some progress, but skiing in this soft, deep snow was quite a trick.

On and on the lift carried him, up and up. Scarecrow looked behind him at the view of the peaks in the distance. He looked down at his dangling skis and at the deep, deep snow underneath him. He looked ahead and above and all he could see were the slopes of towering Mt. Wood.

Posted at strategic points all along the long ride up the mountain were signs of warning and instruction to the skier. NEVER SKI ALONE, SKI CLASSES MEET AT LOWER LIFT, SKI UNDER CONTROL AT ALL TIMES. Scarecrow read all the signs and mused about them. As he neared the top of the lift he noticed he was swinging toward another sign. FILL IN YOUR BATHTUB, the sign warned. "Fill in your bathtub," mused Scarecrow. "That's funny." As he prepared to get off the chair he dismissed the word of warning.

Sluger was waiting for Scarecrow at the top and the two started down the long slope together. Sluger was a better skier than Scarecrow, but even at that, Sluger was none too good and in the heavy snow he lost his balance and went head first into a drift. Each time after he fell he carefully filled in the hole he'd made in the snow and skied on.

Scarecrow, however, approached the slope with more exuberance — and more spills.

When Scarecrow fell, the common term among skiers of "doing an egg beater" was an understatement. Undaunted, he always got up somehow, brushed off the snow and hurtled on down the mountain. Scarecrow didn't notice two members of the ski patrol who were watching him pretty carefully and after Scarecrow's fourth spill, the two members of the ski patrol schussed the mountain and were at the bottom to greet Scarecrow when he came tumbling toward them. In a final lunge at the bottom of the slope, Scarecrow fell head first into a snow drift. He dug his face out far enough to see Hans and Peter of the ski patrol standing over him and looking very sternly down at him.

"Hiya fellahs," said Scarecrow, blowing the snow out of his mouth. "That's good sliding!" Hans faced Scarecrow sternly and said, "there's not going to be any more sliding for you if you don't fill in your bathtub!"

"Bathtub?" queried Scarecrow. "Oh, yes, I saw the sign. I'll take care of that."

"You'd better, and on the double," warned Hans.

"Okay fellahs, I'm sorry. I'll do it right away," Scarecrow panted as he dragged himself out of the bank. Then he yelled to Sluger who was waiting again to take the lift. "Hey, Sluger, you'd better go on. I'll be with you pretty soon."

Sluger looked disgusted but hopped the chair and started the long ride up the mountain. Scarecrow raced as fast as his skis would carry him back to Timberstop Lodge. "I thought that sign was silly when I read it," mused Scarecrow. "Fill in your bathtub. You wouldn't think in a place like this with all this snow there'd be a water shortage."

Scarecrow soon reached the Lodge, took his skis off and entered the building. He walked into the room he shared with Jock,

then walked into the bathroom and looked at the bath tub quizzically. "Jock might have filled it," mused Scarecrow, "but then I guess he's busy with the team, so I'll do it." Scarecrow scratched his head and wondered how to fill it, then remembered the collapsible bucket they always carried in the station wagon and realized that would do the trick.

After Slugger's second trip down the mountain he began to wonder what had happened to Scarecrow. Just as he was ready to hop on the lift, Scarecrow came panting along and grabbed the chair behind. Onward and upward they rode. When they reached the top, Slugger asked, "where have you been, Scarecrow?"

"Didn't you hear what the ski patrol said to me?" asked Scarecrow with a superior air.

"No," answered Slugger. "What did they say?"

"Well, if you didn't you'll hear soon enough," laughed Scarecrow as he shoved himself with his poles off to a racing start down the mountain.

As Scarecrow reached the bottom of the slope again, the same drift loomed in front of him and into it he plunged. "I'll never learn," thought Scarecrow, as his head plunged into the soft snow. As he pulled his head out of the drift, there again standing over him were Hans and Peter looking more stern than ever.

"How many times do we have to tell you?" queried Hans.

"But I filled in my bathtub," answered the put-upon Scarecrow.

"IT? Just one?" steamed Peter. "Listen kid. One more warning. You're supposed to fill up each and every one."

"But that will take me all day," said Scarecrow with a puzzled look on his face.

"All right if it does take you all day. Fill them up," ordered Hans as the two men skied off.

Scarecrow sank back in the drift, scratched his head and wondered what kind of a place this was. But there wasn't much he could do and back to the Lodge he went. Slugger made one trip up the lift, then he made two and then he made three. Scarecrow did not appear. At the end of Slugger's third run he began to get a little worried about Scarecrow. Curly came schussing down the mountain and Slugger asked him if he'd seen Scarecrow. Curly hadn't seen him since morning but agreed that it was getting late and time to stop and they'd better go back to the Lodge and see if Scarecrow was all right. As they entered the Lodge they ran into Scarecrow who was walking out the door very rapidly carrying a bucket.

"Oh, there you are, Scarecrow," greeted Slugger. "We were getting a little worried about you."

"Worried?" queried the amazed Scarecrow. "I'm all right, just a little tired." With that he raced out the door with the bucket.

"Wonder what he's doing?" mused Curly.

"I wonder what Scarecrow's doing most of the time," answered Slugger.

Slugger and Curly walked by the large fireplace and down the long corridor to their room. Curly collapsed on the bed while Slugger decided to take a hot bath. Slugger walked into the bathroom and Curly suddenly heard a loud yelp. "What's going on. Some wise guy has messed this place up."

Curly jumped from the bed and ran into the bathroom. The bathtub was full of snow. "That's a stupid trick," he said. "I don't get it."

Curly and Slugger wasted no time in marching out of their room, down the corridor toward the desk. The desk was completely surrounded by irate skiers.

"What's the big idea?" demanded one.

"Who's the practical joker?" asked another.

"This isn't April Fool," said another.

The desk clerk tried to quiet the mob long enough to get an explanation. Jock finally work his way to the desk and explained to the clerk that someone had filled the bathtubs with snow.

"WHAT!" screamed the clerk. "Well, well. We'll get to the bottom of this!"

Just at that moment Scarecrow came swinging in the front door of the Lodge carrying his bucket full of snow. Slugger spotted him, raced over to him and shoved him toward the door before the angry mob realized what he had done. Slugger and Scarecrow got out the door just in time.

"Hey, Scarecrow," demanded Slugger.

"What's the big idea? Have you been loading up the bathtubs?"

"Oh sure," answered Scarecrow, "the ski patrol warned me twice and sent me running."

"What do you mean, Scarecrow? They didn't tell you to fill the bathtubs with snow?" gasped Slugger.

"Oh, yes they did. They said I couldn't ski any more unless I filled my bathtub. I filled mine, then they said I had to fill them all," firmly answered Scarecrow.

"Oh," gulped Slugger, then burst into laughter. "Scarecrow, you mean you don't know what they were talking about?"

"Sure I do. They were very clear. They said fill them all up."

"Do you know what a bathtub is, Scarecrow?" laughed Slugger.

"I'm no dope, Slugger. Anyone knows what a bathtub is."

"Oh, Scarecrow. In this deep snow every time you fall down you make what is known as a 'bathtub'. You've heard of a sitzmark? A bathtub is just an enlarged sitzmark. If you don't fill it in another skier might fall," explained Slugger.

"Oh," sighed Scarecrow as he sank to the steps. "Oh my. What have I done?"

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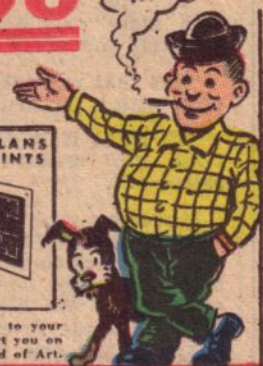


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*William
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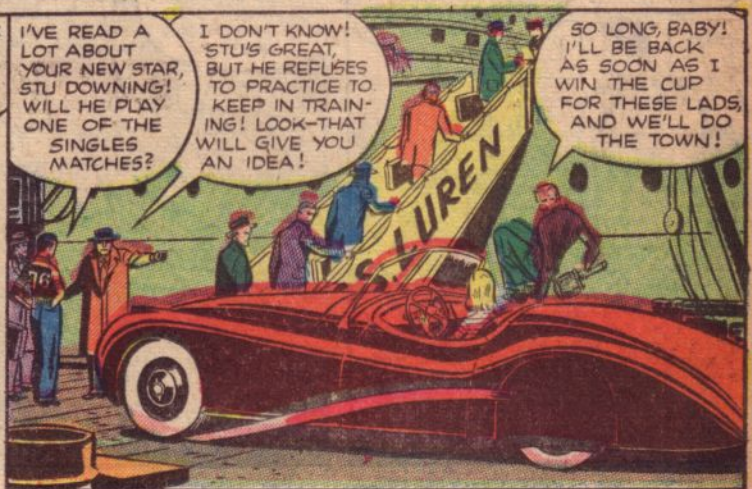
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I'VE READ A LOT ABOUT YOUR NEW STAR, STU DOWNING! WILL HE PLAY ONE OF THE SINGLES MATCHES?

I DON'T KNOW! STU'S GREAT, BUT HE REFUSES TO PRACTICE TO KEEP IN TRAINING! LOOK-THAT WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA!

SO LONG, BABY! I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I WIN THE CUP FOR THESE LADS, AND WE'LL DO THE TOWN!



I'M WARNING YOU, DOWNING! ANY MORE TROUBLE, AND YOU'RE OFF THE SQUAD! AND THAT DEFINITELY INCLUDES DRINKING!

I NEVER TOUCH THE STUFF, COACH!

HE'S JUST AN INNOCENT LITTLE COUNTRY BOY! HA! HA! HA!

WHAT'S THAT FOR? SNAKE-BITE?

GET INTO MY CABIN, DOWNING! AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!

LISTEN, DOWNING, I DON'T CARE IF YOUR FATHER IS PRESIDENT OF DOWNING STEEL! IF YOU SO MUCH AS LOOK CROSS-EYED, YOU'RE THROUGH, UNDERSTAND?

OKAY, OKAY!

LATER THAT EVENING...

C'MON, STU! IT'S TIME TO HIT THE SACK!

IN A MINUTE! I'VE GOT AN ACE HIGH STRAIGHT!

TOO BAD, SON! FULL HOUSE!

AN HOUR LATER...

NUTS! THAT CLEANS ME!

SORRY, SON! BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

GEE, STU! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO NOW?

I'M GONNA THROW A PARTY! THE OLD MAN WILL ALWAYS SEND ME MORE DOUGH: HOW ABOUT IT, KIDS? WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN?

WHY NOT?

WE'D BETTER HOLD THE NOISE DOWN, STU! SOMEBODY MIGHT HEAR!

WHADDA I CARE? I'M HAVIN' A GOOD TIME! LET THE COACH COME IN HERE... I'LL TELL 'IM A FEW THINGS!

I THINK I'LL GO TALK TO THE OL' BUZZARD NOW! I'M THE BEST PLAYER HE'S GOT! HE CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT ME!

THAT'S TELLING HIM, STU!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM! I HOPE ONE PUNCH WILL DO IT!

SORRY, STU, BUT THIS IS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

WHY, YOU... YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

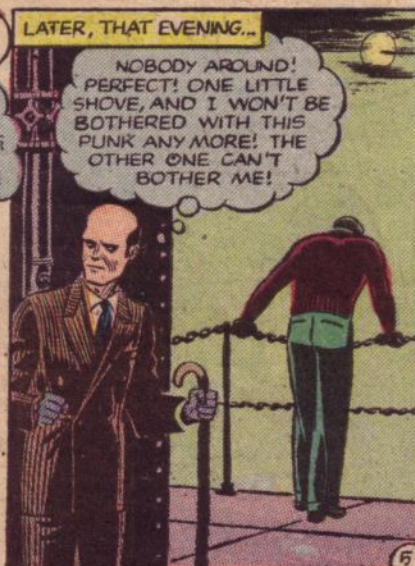


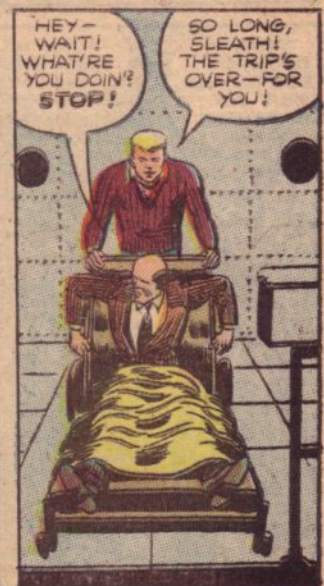
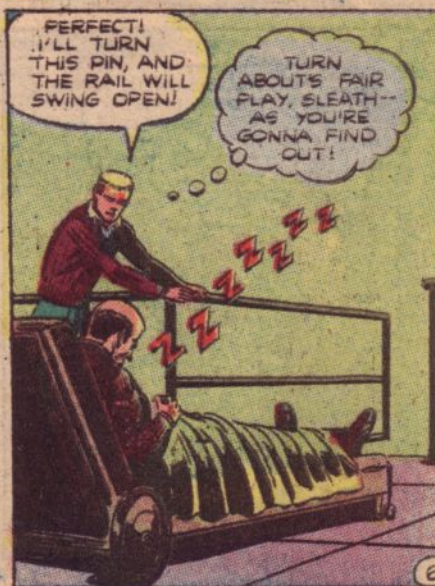
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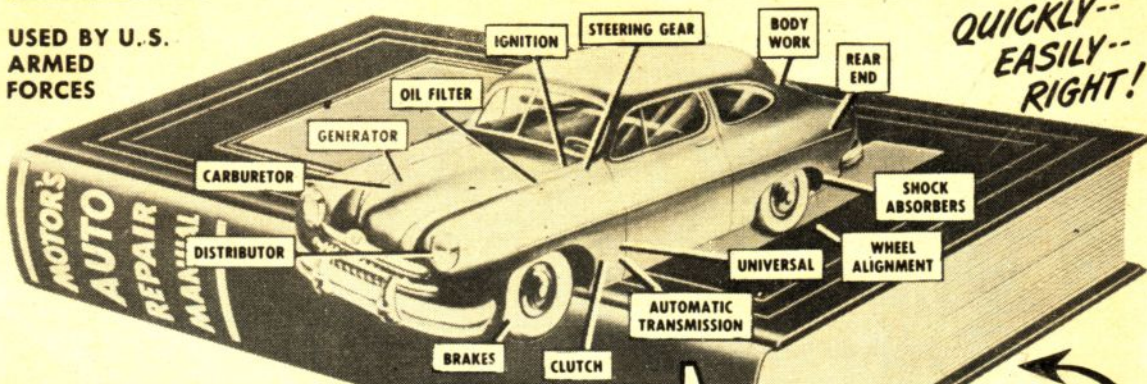
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